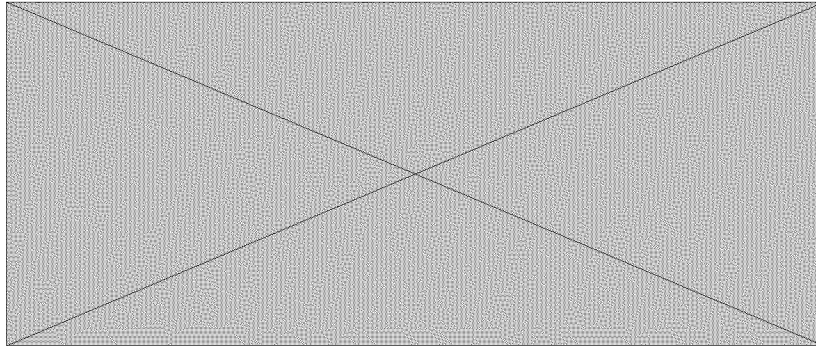


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Dear Curtis,

Quick Updates

1. **Tonight (12/8):** [Community Advisory
Group](#) meeting at the International Union

of Operating Engineers Local 513 at 6:30pm. EPA Region 7 decided it will not send staff to the meeting tonight while it pursues a new "community engagement strategy."

2. **EPA Region 7** has replaced its West Lake Landfill project manager. You can read up on the new project manager Brad Vann here.
3. **The MO Department of Natural Resources (DNR)** sent a critical letter to EPA Region 7 regarding plans for an isolation barrier to keep the ongoing smoldering landfill fire from reaching the nuclear weapons related radioactive wastes.
4. **Always** report odors to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) if you believe the landfill is the cause. The DNR is collecting odor complaints while Attorney General Koster is legally involved with Republic Services, the landfill owner.

West Lake Landfill: Decisions Before Science?

In 2013, Robert Alvarez discovered the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) that it was going to "utilize a cap or cover rather than soil cleanup criteria," at the radioactive West Lake Landfill.

The concern here is the EPA decided a cap or cover was the best choice before conducting a Feasibility Study, which according to the EPA's website, "is the mechanism for the development, screening, and **detailed evaluation** of alternative remedial actions." In other words, the EPA put the car before the horse and a second opinion is sorely needed.

Upcoming Events

For reasons like this, MCE and several other

Franciscan Sisters of Mary Prayer Vigil

Where: 12755 St. Charles Rock Road in Bridgeton, MO at the abandoned Phillips 66 gas station.

When: Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month (weather permitting) at 10am. Next vigil is Dec. 10, 2014.

has on the radioactive wastes and people
around the landfill

West Lake Landfill CAG Meeting

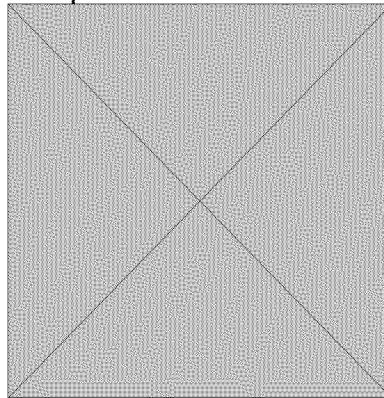
West Lake Landfill CAG Meeting

Where: International Union of Operating Engineers Local 513 at 3449 Hollenberg Drive, Bridgeton, MO.

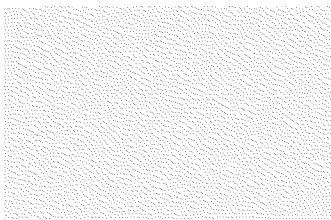
When: Monday, Dec. 8, 2014 at 6:30pm.

Take Action

Senator Blunt, Senator McCaskill, Congressman Clay, and Congresswoman Wagner all have the power to transfer the West Lake Landfill to the St. Louis Army Corps of Engineers FUSRAP by introducing and passing legislation. This action has been accomplished by Democrats and Republicans alike in previous years and we call on them for a bipartisan effort to do the same here.



We appreciate the February and July letters of support for the St. Louis Corps of Engineers FUSRAP involvement at the West Lake Landfill and it's time to go further. Call and ask them to put the St. Louis Corps FUSRAP in charge at West Lake now!



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